

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

Please amend the figures as shown in the enclosed replacement sheets. The attached sheet(s) of drawings includes changes to add labels to diagram boxes 1, 9 and 20 in the Figures 1A, 2, 3A and 4-7 and to add a line connecting an electrical machine 1 to an electronic housing 20 in Figure 3A as suggested by the Examiner. No new matter is added in the replacement drawings. The replacement drawings are formal.

REMARKS

Please reconsider the application in view of the following remarks. Applicant thanks the Examiner for carefully considering this application.

Priority Claim

This application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 from French Patent Application 02/05098, filed April 12, 2002. A verified translation of the priority document is attached. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner acknowledge Applicant's perfected claim for priority.

Information Disclosure Statement

The Examiner alleges that the information disclosure statement filed on October 6, 2004, fails to comply with 37 C.F.R. 1.98 (a)(3) because it does not include a concise explanation of the relevance. Further, the Examiner alleges that a full translation should be provided (*see* Office Action dated January 23, 2007, at page 9). Applicant respectfully disagrees.

Applicant respectfully asserts a concise explanation of the relevance of these references has been provided because an English-language version of the search report was submitted and References DE-10213105 and DE-4007526 are listed, respectively, as "X" and "A" references. MPEP § 609.04 (a) makes it clear that "[w]here the information listed is not in the English language, but was cited in a search report . . . , the requirement for a concise explanation of

relevance can be satisfied by submitting an English-language version of the search report. . . . This may be merely an “X”, “Y”, or “A” indication on a search report.” Further, 37 C.F.R. 1.98 (a)(3) makes it clear that a copy of the translation shall be included only “if a written English-language translation of a non-English-language document. . . . is within possession, custody, or control of, or is readily available.” Thus, Applicant respectfully asserts that the IDS filed on October 6, 2004, including references DE-10213105 and DE-4007526, does comply with 37 C.F.R. 1.98(a)(3).

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the PTO/SB/08 from the IDS filed on October 6, 2004, be initialed to include references DE-10213105 and DE-4007526, and returned. If these Information Disclosure Statements have not been considered, appropriate consideration thereof is respectfully requested.

Disposition of Claims

Claims 1-10 are pending in this application. Claim 1 is independent. The remaining claims depend, directly or indirectly, from claim 1.

Claim Amendments

Claim 2 has been amended to delete the term “transistor” as suggested by the Examiner. No new issues have been raised.

as being unpatentable over DE-10213105 and Gale, in view of JP Patent Publication JP-10184506 (hereinafter “JP-10184506”). Applicant respectfully submits that DE-10213105 is not proper prior art under 35 U.S.C. §103 (a).

As noted above, Applicant has submitted a verified translation of the priority document of the present application to perfect priority. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that DE-10213105 is not prior art under § 102 because DE-10213105 was published (November 7, 2002) after the priority date of the present application (April 12, 2002). Applicant has met the foreign priority requirements under 37 CFR § 1.55 (a) and MPEP § 201.15. Because DE-10213105 is not prior art under 35 U.S.C. § 102, it cannot be used in a rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a). Accordingly, withdrawal of these rejections is respectfully requested.

Objections to the Drawings

The Examiner has objected to the drawings. Specifically, the Examiner requests that the empty diagram boxes 1, 9 and 20 in the Figures be labeled with an appropriate descriptive phrase. The Examiner also notes that element 20 in amended Figure 3A is not connected. Applicant has labeled diagram boxes 1, 9, and 20 with descriptive phrases in Figures 1A, 2, 3A and 4-7 and has added a line to connect an electrical machine 1 to an electronic housing 20 in Figure 3A as suggested by the Examiner. Replacement sheets for these drawings are included with this Amendment. Accordingly, withdrawal of this objection is respectfully requested.

Claim Objection

Claim 2 is objected to because of a minor informality. As explained above, claim 2 has been amended to delete the term “transistor” as suggested by the Examiner. Accordingly, withdrawal of this objection is respectfully requested.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103


Claims 1 and 8 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over German Patent DE-10213105 (hereinafter “DE-10213105”) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,420,793 to Gale (hereinafter “Gale”). Claims 2-5, 9 and 10 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a) as being unpatentable over DE-10213105 and Gale, in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,446,365 to Nomura et al. (hereinafter “Nomura”). Claims 6 and 7 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a)

Conclusion

Applicant believes this reply is fully responsive to all outstanding issues and places this application in condition for allowance. If this belief is incorrect, or other issues arise, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned or his associates at the telephone number listed below. Please apply any charges not covered, or any credits, to Deposit Account 50-0591, Reference 17170/002001.

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Attachments:

- (1) 11 Replacement Drawings (4 sheets)
- (2) Verified translation of priority document